THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala has informed that a new system of distribution of foodgrains through extensive network of 'Maveli' and 'Sabari' stores under the Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation to BPL Ration Card holders has been introduced. In view of the time taken to operationalize this decision, there has been delay in lifting of foodgrains by District Rural Development Agencies. The State Government has further informed that now all the details have been finalized and the lifting process would start immediately.

Allocation to Assam for rural development

2390. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released to Assam during the last three years for rural development;

(b) the details of schemes being implemented in the State;

(c) whether any monitoring Committee has been constituted for effectively implementing of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development implements a number of Schemes for rural development. Important schemes being implemented in Assam are Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Acceleratd Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Swajaldhara, Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and Computerization of Land Records in the State of Assam. The amount released to the State under these programmes during the last three years is as follows:

Sl.No.	Years	Central Release
		(Rs. in lakhs)
1	2003-04	75382.80
2	2004-05	107874.67
3	2005-06	138255.84

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the Programmes through Periodic Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee meetings, Area Officer's Scheme, National Level Monitors, District Level Monitors and Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State/District level.

Wasteland development project from Rajasthan

2391. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has forwarded for approval to the Ministry of Rural Development a proposal of Rs.2,095.08 lakhs for its Seven Projects regarding making of 34,918 hectares of land cultivable under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme;

(b) the reasons for not granting approval to the same, so far; and

(c) by when the same would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The seven projects, infact, are part of the prioritized list of 29 projects furnished by the Government of Rajasthan to the Ministry for sanctioning in 2006-07. The Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC), which also includes Secretary, Rural Development, Rajasthan, taking into account the extent of wasteland in the State, performance of ongoing projects, availability of budget for new projects after deducting the committed liability of ongoing projects across the programme States, approved 22 new IWDP projects for Rajasthan at a total cost of Rs. 6555.12 lakh covering an area of 109252 hectare for treatment. Ministry of Rural Development duly sanctioned these projects